

Whereas, such an increase would actually reduce the cost of the Superfund program over time, and confer significant public health, environmental and economic benefits on many American cities.

Now, Therefore, be it resolved that The U.S. Conference of Mayors urges Congress to increase the appropriation for Superfund by \$300 million a year for the next five years, and to dedicate such increase to financing actual cleanup at ready to go sites.

TRIBUTE TO KEN YEAGER AT THE BAY AREA MUNICIPAL ELEC- TIONS COMMITTEE'S 20TH ANNI- VERSARY CELEBRATION

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 9, 2004

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I'm joined by Representatives LOFGREN and HONDA in rising today to recognize the achievements of Ken Yeager, District Six City Councilman for the City of San José and co-founder of the Bay Area Municipal Elections Committee, a four county Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender political action group celebrating 20 years of civil rights advocacy.

Ken represents the neighborhoods of Willow Glen, Rose Garden, Shasta/Hanchett, Sherman Oaks, Cory, Canoas Gardens, Hamann Park and Buena Vista on the San José City Council. He is a graduate of San José State where he interned with former City Councilmember Susie Wilson. He then worked for Congressman Don Edwards, leaving to earn a Ph.D. from Stanford in 1991.

Ken was the first openly gay man to be elected to office in Silicon Valley when he was elected to the San José Community College Board. He has dedicated much of his impressive career to educating the community about LGBT issues and fighting for their rights throughout the Silicon Valley.

BAYMEC was founded to educate and inform, and it has raised its concerns with countless elected officials. It lobbied Sacramento on AIDS and LGBT civil rights and worked with police, fire departments, governmental, organizational, and a variety of community groups to further equality for LGBTs. BAYMEC continues to lobby for the passage of hate-crime legislation, transgender issues, domestic partnership rights and civil unions, as well as bringing LGBT sensitivity to the forefront in the domestic violence field.

During LGBT Pride weekend, Ken spearheaded the campaign to fly the rainbow freedom flag over City Hall. He worked hard to make sure that the Billy DeFrank LGBT Community Center was completed on time and chaired the fundraising committee to improve the center. Ken has also led the drive to pass a Gender Non-Discrimination Ordinance for the City and he supports providing full benefits for all married City employees, regardless of sexual orientation.

Mr. Speaker, we ask our colleagues to join us in thanking Ken Yeager for his steadfast and tireless service to his constituents and to the LGBT community. We look forward to working with him to further the causes important to BAYMEC, because until all people are treated with dignity and respect, none of us can truly be free.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO BRUCE
ROCKWELL

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 9, 2004

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today to mourn the passing of Bruce Rockwell of Denver, Colorado. Bruce dedicated his life to improving his community, and the entire City of Denver is indebted to him for his service. His enthusiasm for serving others resonates throughout Colorado, and I would like to join my colleagues here today in recognizing Bruce for his tremendous service to the City of Denver before this body of Congress and this nation.

Bruce grew up on Marion Street in Denver and came from a strong family that made community service a vital part of their daily lives. Bruce's father ran a small real estate and insurance business and was a respected ornithologist. His family was of modest means but constantly thought of those less fortunate than themselves, often feeding the unemployed from their own kitchen. Bruce put himself through Yale University on various military scholarships.

Bruce was devoted to the development of downtown Denver, spearheading the creation of Downtown Denver, Inc. and playing a crucial role in the development of the Sixteenth Street Mall. From 1954 to 1968, he chaired the Denver Urban Renewal Authority and aided the preservation of Larimer Square. At the same time, while serving as the CEO of Colorado National Bank, Bruce loaned talented developers the money to buy and restore numerous historic buildings.

Mr. Speaker, Bruce Rockwell set a new standard for community service and his deeds have touched nearly every community institution in Denver. His model of leadership and service will be hard to replace. I am honored to recognize the efforts of such a devoted public servant before this body of Congress. My thoughts and prayers go out to Bruce's friends and family during this time of bereavement.

HONORING THE SCHUYLKILL CHAPTER 0413 OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED FED- ERAL EMPLOYEES ON ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. TIM HOLDEN

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 9, 2004

Mr. HOLDEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Schuylkill Chapter 0413 of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees as it celebrates fifty years of distinguished service to Federal retirees, employees and their families in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania.

Originally chartered as Pottsville Chapter 413 in 1954, the Chapter made recruiting and retention a top priority. By way of free luncheons, speaker series, outdoor summer picnics, catered dinner meetings, and a recruiting booth at the Schuylkill County Fair, membership spread to many towns in the county.

Area-wide recruiting success was achieved when the National Association of Retired Federal Employees authorized the Chapter's name change to Schuylkill Chapter 0413, allowing them to serve a greater number of citizens.

An association such as Schuylkill Chapter 0413 achieved success through the continued hard work of dedicated members and officers. Since its first meeting, the Chapter has stood as an integral facet of the community, working to meet the needs and concerns of the community in which it serves. As a member of Schuylkill Chapter 0413, I share the profound pride felt by my fellow members as our organization reaches this milestone.

Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege to be able to recognize an organization that has been sustained for fifty years on its commitment to the people of my district and all of central Pennsylvania. I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating Schuylkill Chapter 0413 of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees on fifty years of devoted service and thank them for the many contributions they have made toward the well being of the citizens of this great Nation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM KOLBE

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 9, 2004

Mr. KOLBE. Mr. Speaker, yesterday and this morning, I was in my Congressional district for the primary election and missed the vote on the following measures:

(1) On agreeing to H.R. 4381, the Harvey and Bernice Jones Post Office Building Designation Act (No. 422). I intended to vote "aye."

(2) On agreeing to H.R. 4556, the General William Carey Lee Post Office Building Designation Act (No. 423). I intended to vote "aye."

(3) On agreeing to H. Res. 754, On ordering the previous question providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5006) making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and for other purposes (No. 424). I intended to vote "aye."

BOARD OF EDUCATION, NIXA, MISSOURI, PEGGY TAYLOR, PRESIDENT

HON. ROY BLUNT

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 9, 2004

Mr. BLUNT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding leaders dedicated to the education of our youth in southwest Missouri. At a time when many school systems are struggling to provide a quality education, these civil servants have settled for nothing less than excellence in preparing our students in southwest Missouri for the future.

The Missouri School Boards' Association has selected the Nixa R-II Board of Education as the State of Missouri's Outstanding Board